



# Flathead National Forest

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## Hemlock Lake Trail #607 and Hemlock Peak #515

Distance: From the Hemlock Lake TH it is 3.6 miles to Hemlock Lake. From the Hemlock Peak TH it is 5.2 miles to North Hemlock Lake.

Difficulty: Moderate

USGS Quad: Hemlock Lake

Beginning Elevation: Hemlock Lake TH 4,880 ft  
Hemlock Peak TH 4,720 ft

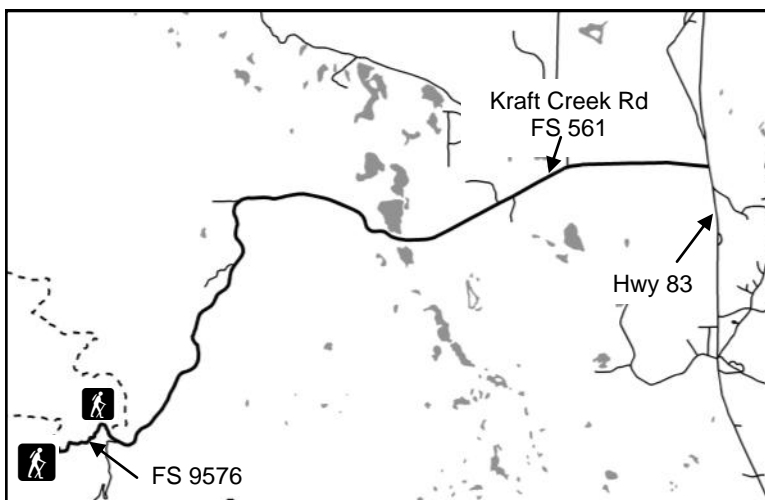
Ending Elevation: Hemlock Lake 6,076 ft  
North Hemlock Lake 6,818 ft

Directions: Hemlock Lake TH: From Highway 83 south of mile marker 38, turn west onto Kraft Creek Rd also called Forest Service Road #561 and drive 6.5 miles to Rd #9576. Turn right, crossing over the bridge and driving past the trailhead to the right. Continue up a rocky road for about 1 mile to the trailhead.  
Hemlock Peak TH: From Highway 83 south of mile marker 38, turn west onto Kraft Creek Rd also called Forest Service Road #561 and drive 6.5 miles to Rd #9576. Turn right, crossing over the bridge and turn right into a clearing. The trail starts behind the gate.

Season: Usually cleared of blowdown and snow by early July for Hemlock Lake, and mid-July for North Hemlock Lake.

Regulations: Most of this trail is in the Mission Mountains Wilderness which allows both hiking and horse riding, but prohibits motorized vehicles and mechanized transport which includes mountain bikes. Mountain biking is allowed up to the Wilderness boundary which is about 1.8 miles up from the Hemlock Lake TH and 2.8 miles up from the Hemlock Peak TH.

Trail Description: The 607 trail travels through the 2003 Crazy Horse burn. The first mile up to the wilderness boundary goes through an old cutting unit that offers good views, but not much shade. The wildflowers are incredible in the burn in early summer. There are 2 creek crossings on the trail, both of which can be dangerous in early summer due to swift currents. Just past the second creek crossing, there is a trail junction: go left a ¼ mile up to Lower Hemlock Lake, or go right a mile to connect with the North Hemlock Lake trail #515. From the TH, trail 515 follows an old logging road for ¾ of a mile. Most of this trail winds through the 2003 Crazy Horse burn offering little shade. There are 2 small creek crossings on the trail, but can be unsafe during spring runoff. There are panoramic views of the surrounding peaks and ridges for much of the trail. Once at North Hemlock Lake, continue on an old unmaintained trail for a mile up to Hemlock Point for great views of the Mission Mountains, Swan Valley, and Swan range.



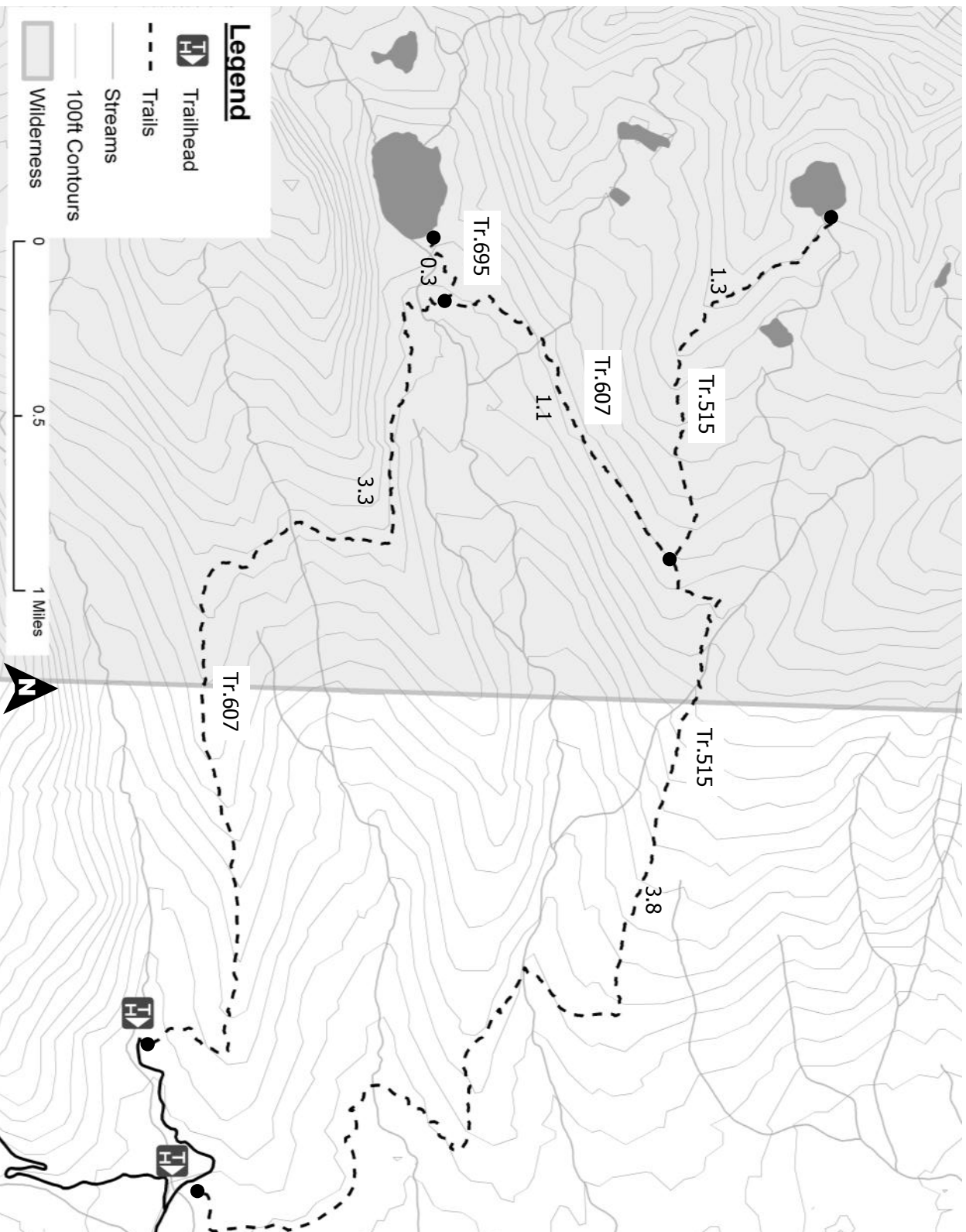
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